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## Congratulations!!

### Special Recognition-Angelina "Xina" Greene

#### CAHSEE Results are In!

Stacey Hausman

CSDR's senior students had their first opportunity to take the California High School Exit Exam (CAHSEE) in October. The CAHSEE has two components: Math and English Language Arts (ELA). All high school students in the state of California must pass both parts of the test with a score of 350 points or better in order to earn a diploma at graduation. John Vollrath, CAHSEE Specialist, recently reported the results of the test with some good news! CSDR students are improving their scores and beginning to pass both portions of the test.

Congratulations to new student Angelina "Xina" Greene for passing both the Math and ELA parts of the CAHSEE on her first try! In addition, five more seniors have passed the Math portion: Leslie Hernandez, Yovannie Marquez, Ivan Vega, and Nicholas Vineyard. Way to go! Six students had high scores ranging between 320 and 349 on the ELA section, and 17 students had high scores for the Math section.

The next CAHSEE test will be on February 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> for the seniors only. Seniors who have not yet passed the test have the option of participating in tutoring sessions for the next 5 weeks that are offered during lunch or after school. Juniors will be offered tutoring starting in February in preparation for the March 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> CAHSEE.

#### Dove on Wr-earth

Raymart Tinio & Jeremy Warshaw

Mr. Grossinger, Superintendent, made a special announcement to the high school students in the cafeteria. Jeremy Warshaw has won the Christmas Card Art Contest for California's Superintendent of State Schools, Jack O' Connell, and his family. The art work has a Dove on a wreath with the earth in the middle of it. CSDR has won the art contest for three straight years! The two previous years' winners were Crystal Hernandez and Adrian Medina. Congratulations to Jeremy Warshaw for his wonderful art work!! And to Ms. Gena Fischer too, who is obviously a great art teacher.



#### UPCOMING EVENTS:

~January~

- 5th: Back to school
- 8th: Class meeting 2nd period
- 16th: Special Olympics basketball
- 16th: ASBG Assembly 1:15pm
- 19th: NO SCHOOL
- 21st: Winter FEST by dormitory
- 23-25th: Deaf Prep Wrestling-MSSD
- 28th: PEP RALLY
- 28th: Students going home

29th-31st: Western States Basketball Classic / Cheer Competition -CSDR



Angelina "Xina" Greene

#### A Positive Role Model

Ruthe-Ellen Auman & Stacey Hausman



One of our very own seniors, Richard Iancului, was recently selected to receive a Student Appreciation award by the Riverside Optimist Club. This club was founded 62 years ago to develop optimism, which means focusing on positive things, as a philosophy of

life. The Riverside Optimist Club utilizes the Optimist Creed to "promote an active interest in good government and civic affairs; to inspire respect for the law; to promote patriotism and work for international accord; to aid and encourage the development of youth, in the belief that the giving of one's self in service to others will advance the well-being of humankind, community life and the world." Richard was selected by our High School principals because of his outstanding academic achievements and leadership involvement. He was honored for his achievements along with other seniors who were selected from local high schools. They were all recognized at the Riverside City Council Meeting and at a luncheon that was held at the Canyon Crest Country Club.

Happy Holidays  
From the  
PawsPress staff



# SCARLETT & GRAY PAGE.....

## SPORTS.....

### Our Honored Football Players

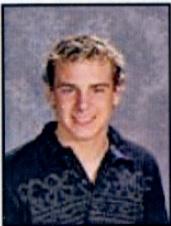
By: Ruthe-Ellen Auman

We want to recognize our five football players who received the honor to be named for the First-Team All-Stars for the Deaf Nationals.

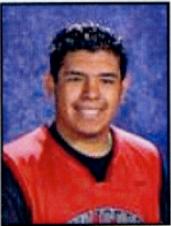
CSDR ended this football season with a good feeling. Our record was 3-7 compared to last year's 0-10. Last year, we only scored 12 points with 558 offensive total yards. This year, we scored 214 points with 2,896 offensive total yards! Congratulations to our football team for an outstanding season! We will be looking forward to next year.



Galvin Drake  
Quarterback



Ryan Baldiviez  
Defense  
Linebacker



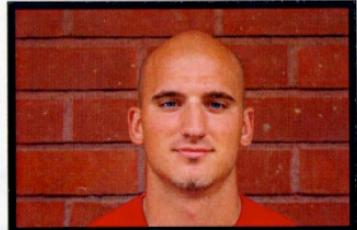
Luis Estrella  
Wide Receiver



Kyle McDonald  
Offense  
Linebacker



Derek Keels  
Quarterback



### **Our Football Coach, "Coach of the Year"**

By Ryan Baldiviez

If you look on CSDR's website <http://csdr-cde.ca.gov>, you will find the following information written by David Hamilton: "CSDR Athletics is proud to announce that Jason Coleman has been selected as "Co-Coach of the Year" for the Deaf National Football team. Coach Coleman led his team to a major turnaround from a winless record to 3 wins." This is a great honor since this is his first year coaching at CSDR.

When asked why Jason Coleman chose to work at CSDR he replied, "First of all, how could you not want to live in southern California. Actually, I picked this school because I see a lot of potential. After all, I did make the right decision." Coach Coleman said this year's football season was a learning process for everyone. From the beginning and to the end of the season, there was a huge improvement. Statistics speaking, the football team broke a lot of school records, but the wins did not favor us. Coach Coleman expects a lot from his football team next year. He said these specific words "the sky is the limit."

### **David Hamilton our Athletic Director**

By Ryan Baldiviez

David Hamilton is our new Athletic Director who was a former P.E teacher. He graduated from Gallaudet University with a BA degree and West Maryland College with an MA degree. Sports is his passion! He loves the CSDR sports program and wants to see it succeed, students improve their athletic skills, and a better reputation for the CSDR's sports program. He applied for this job because he thinks this should be a great challenge for him. He has noticed that the fall sports program has been improving significantly, especially the football team. He can't expect CSDR to be the best within a year, but he does expect us to keep improving for the next 2 or 3 years until we become the best.

His goal for this year, and for the rest of his term as Athletic Director, is to improve all sports programs like Cheerleading, Football, Basketball, Volleyball, Softball, Baseball, Cross County, Track and Field, and Wrestling. He wants the athletes who are involved with sports to make more commitment to their team than before. He hopes to see more motivation. David Hamilton says there will be several changes in coaching positions for the winter and spring sports, and he hopes that it will make a difference. He hopes that this year's records are going to be better than previous winter and spring sports.

He loves his job so far, and thinks he has been doing a great job lately. He also mentioned that it will take him some time to get used to his new job; his first year is "a learning experience, trial and error year." Within a few years, he thinks he will make a difference to CSDR's athletic program. Fortunately for him, he has really good support from the administrators like our Superintendent Mal Grossinger, and our Director of Instruction, Alyce

Berad to keep him going. His job is a big job; he has to communicate with the coaches, players, parents, teachers, dorm counselors, infirmary workers, cafeteria, grounds keeping, and mechanics. His other duties are making sure the athlete buildings are clean, contacting referees for the games, scheduling games for the athletes to play, making sure we follow CIF rules, communicating and contacting other schools, plus much more. Being an Athletic Director is a really big job, so the Athletic Director must have really good organization and preparation skills and be a good communicator with good public relation skills. The Athletic Director is the LEADER of Athletic program. Please tell Mr. Hamilton "good job" for all the leadership he has provided for CSDR in the last few months.

### **Cross Country's Season**

Brittany Macedo

Donald Cochran was the coach for Cross Country in the fall. He says they had a good season although they only had two runners, Joshua Segovia and Nicholas Vineyard. This year was competed individually, not as a team because they were not enough team members, so they ran individually for time purposes. Joshua, (Junior), finished between fourth and sixth place in every meet. In the final league, he finished sixth with 17:30. He missed CIF-SS Cross Country by only one second! Nicholas, (Senior), was the only one who came back from last year. He did his best with a good positive attitude and hard work. Joshua and Nicholas made a great team. They showed a lot of effort and support for each other. Coach Cochran is proud of his Cross Country runners.

### **DID YOU KNOW?**

~CSDR campus has approximately 69 ACRES of land!

~David Thompson announced his retirement this month.

~Cheryl Lundquist accepted her job as Assistant Professor in theater at Gallaudet.

~Pat Davis, CTE teacher assistant was the first student entered CSDR in 1953.

# CUB'S PAGE.....

## Poetry Corner

Do you have some poetry that you would like to share? Please share it with us! You can give your poetry to Ellen Auman or Stacey Hausman. We are excited and waiting to read it!

### What to do With a Paper Instead of Write on It

Make it a house  
Spit it at the teacher  
Crumple in to a ball  
Cut the paper to make beautiful shapes  
And best of all,  
Use the paper to make toy clothes instead of write on it

Jacqueline Barajas

### DAB Players at Big Bear!

Raymart Tinio

The DAB (Deaf Academic Bowl) players were not here at school on December 5<sup>th</sup> because they went on a DAB retreat to Big Bear until Sunday the 7<sup>th</sup>. They stayed in a nice house in the mountains with their coaches, Mr. Mitch Kurs and Mrs. Sharon Vollmar. Two other teachers, Mr. Darin Green and Mrs. Scarlett Valencia, joined them to help them practice. The house stayed in is owned by Joe Dannis, who owns the business DawnSignPress. While they stayed there, they studied such topics as Deaf Studies, mathematics, language/literature, history/government, and the arts. Also each night, they watched a movie that related to something for DAB. The team needs to learn how to be eager and confident for their DAB games. This retreat helped make the members began to feel like they are a real DAB team!



### COUNTDOWN!!!

28

More days!!!

## High School Play

Maj Lesti

As all of you guys know, the school play is coming up, and I am sure that you all want to know what's up, right? Well, here is the "411"...the play is called "In a Room Somewhere". Every character that enters the room cannot leave. The only thing in the room is a huge clock...no ceiling, walls, doors, or windows. Each person has a problem, for example one of them might be an alcoholic and another has a real bad temper. Characters try to figure out what's going on and how to get out of the room. The real deal is how did they get in? If you would like to know more about it, then watch it! Performance dates will be announced later. Good luck to these performers! The cast includes Cody Cola, Megan Murphy, Annette Campos, Matt Fein, and Angelina Greene.

## What is WASC?

Jeremy Warshaw

Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC) is when a school studies its students' achievements in order to become accredited. WASC is an organization that helps schools analyze and improve their programs. When a school is doing a good job, it is accredited for a specific term. The maximum term is six years and the shorter term is three years. In some cases, accreditation can be denied. After the visiting WASC committee reviews CSDR's self-study report and interviews members of the CSDR community, they will make a recommendation for term of accreditation.

To highlight the history of CSDR's accreditations, CSDR had its first self-study accreditation in the early 1980s. CSDR received a six-year accreditation until the year of 2003. CSDR was then accredited for three-year terms in 2003 and 2006. CSDR is now aiming for a six-year accreditation in 2009.

WASC accreditation is important to our school because it helps us to be highly recognized by parents, students, school districts, and communities. To recommend a full accreditation term for six years, the visiting committee expects to see:

- The school has sufficient resources to accomplish its mission
- Staff, facility, and budgetary resources are used in an efficient manner
- Decisions are made based on data
- Students' records are accurate
- The school has been honest in a self-study
- The school maintains a culture of professionalism
- The school recognizes its achievements and strength areas

The self-study is under the direction and leadership of Janice Smith-Warshaw.

In my opinion, I have seen many high school teachers spending many hours in meetings to collect data, and students working very hard to provide their feedback for this self-study report. We all want to see CSDR students have amazing grades and receive wonderful and memorable experience at our school.

## New Goals for a New Year

Montana Murphy

2009 is coming, and traditionally, people make "New Year's Resolutions" which are goals that people set for themselves.

Ryan Baldviez's (sophomore) goal for 2009 is to get more than a 3.5 GPA, and he wants to get a job when he's 16 years old (next year). Ryan wants to get a car and his driving permit.

Scarlett Valencia (Lang. Arts teacher) loves to travel and wants to travel more next year. She wants to be happier than she currently is. Also, she wants to read more books because she loves to read! Scarlett misses spending time on the beach and under the sun, so she has decided to try to do that more next year. Finally, she needs to be less stressed out.

Sharon Sluder (dorm counselor) is very serious with her goals and really wants to complete all of these: get more clothes that will fit her after the surgery on her stomach, be involved more in geocaching which is a high-tech treasure hunting game played with GPS devices, spend more time with her brother and his family, and finally, exercise more.

Effie Henry (sophomore) wants to be a good student and get more new friends. She is hoping to pass the CASHEE and get a better GPA. She also wants to help her class of 2011!

Have a Happy New Year; hope your 2009 goals come true!

# D.S.T. PAGE.....



## Old Spaghetti Factory Restaurant

Date: Tuesday, February 24, 2009  
6-9:30 p.m.

## Mid-Winter Ball "Winter of Love"



Hosted by the Class of 2011

Want to spend time with friends and have fun???  
Then come to the Mid-Winter Ball!  
Games, dancing, music, food, drinks included!  
(Bring extra money for pictures)  
There will be a Royal Court.

*This is a semi-formal event.  
No jeans, t-shirts, or flip flops allowed. Dress nicely!!!*

\$25 per person. If you cannot pay \$25 in one payment, you can pay \$5 each week for five weeks to Harvey Nathanson (room 306) or Ryan Baldiviez by February 12

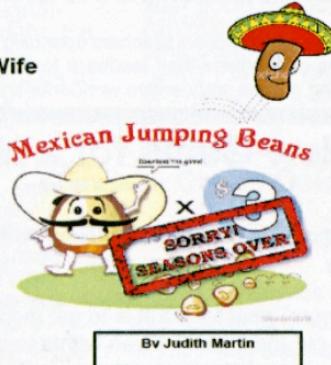
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### The Fisherman and His Wife



By Brothers Grimm



By Judith Martin

MEXICAN JUMPING BEANS!

### In A Room Somewhere



February 13th and 14th 2009  
Time: TBA  
Social Hall

By Suzan Zeder  
Directed by Carolyn Gomez

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### Dorm Activities

Cody Cola

December is the month of joy for the dorm students because the dorm has a thrilling event. Dorm students had the chance to win one hundred dollars for the entire dorm!!! How exciting is that!? All they had to do was make a 3-D display in their window of their dorm. Whoever's dorm was the most artistic or beautiful got one hundred dollars. Congratulations to Shasta 5, Palomar 3, and Lassen 1 for winning the money! What they will do with the money is unannounced yet. Dorm students will also be going to a

Christmas lights parade on December 18, 2008 at the Mission Inn in downtown Riverside. I hope all dorm students take advantage of these entertaining events.

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SENIOR	23	07	80	
JUNIOR	33	19	01	
SOPHOMORE	20	13	30	
FRESHMAN	18	08	06	
SPECIAL NEEDS		215	X	
STAFF		1	27	